

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

May 6, 2016

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Per 24 CFR 58.33, the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request of Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster from the impacts of Superstorm Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the NOI-RROF and RROF have been combined. Commenters may submit comments to DCA and objections to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to ensure they will receive full consideration.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 16, 2016, the DCA will submit a request to HUD for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). DCA expects to fund the project using approximately \$364,791.00 of NEP funds.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Application ID number: NEP0291

Project Title: Community Loan Fund of New Jersey, Inc.

Location: 4 Dorset Avenue, 105 Martin Avenue & 213 Ashland Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey

The total estimated project cost is \$561,917.00.

The proposed action involves the acquisition and rehabilitation of three single-family residential structures located at 4 Dorset Avenue, 105 Martin Avenue, and 213 Ashland Avenue in Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey (Block 6101, Lot 37; Block 1115, Lot 4; and Block 1434, Lot 11). The applicant will seek to lease the rehabilitated units to families making less than 80 percent of the area median income (AMI). The single-family residential structure located at 4 Dorset Avenue was built in 1970 and occupies approximately 0.3214 acres of land, the single-family residential structure located at 105 Martin Avenue was built in 1998 and

occupies approximately 0.3306 acres of land, and the single-family residential structure located at 213 Ashland Avenue was built in 1955 and occupies approximately 0.1148 acres of land (per tax records). Elevation of the single-family residential structures is not proposed. The proposed activities to be completed at the 4 Dorset Avenue location include exterior painting, interior painting and floor replacement throughout the structure, and installation of new appliances. The proposed activities to be completed at the 105 Martin Avenue location include installation of new hardwood flooring throughout the structure, installation of a new kitchen and appliances, replacement of windows and the structure's roof, installation of a new bathroom and new plumbing, insulating the structure to meet energy star requirements, interior painting, and installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, hot water heater, electrical and sheetrock throughout the structure. The proposed activities to be completed at the 213 Ashland Avenue location include replacing interior flooring throughout the structure, installation of a new kitchen, bathroom, furnace, hot water heater, plumbing, electrical, sheetrock throughout the interior of the structure, replacement of windows, interior doors and exterior doors, repair of the structure's roof and eaves, and interior and exterior painting. None of the available information indicates that repairs have been completed since October 29, 2012. The total estimated cost of the proposed work is \$561,917.00 per the Grant/Loan Agreement between the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and Community Loan Fund of New Jersey, Inc., Grant/Loan Agreement Number: 2015-02325-0291-00.

The Responsible Entity, DCA, has determined that the proposed project is Categorically Excluded Subject to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a). As such, a Statutory Checklist has been completed in order to determine whether the project is in compliance with the authorities cited at 24 CFR§58.5.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. or can be viewed online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> and to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. All comments received by May 16, 2016, or seven (7) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA certifies to HUD that Charles A. Richman, in his capacity as Commissioner of DCA consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce

responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities, and allows DCA to use CDBG-DR funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of seven (7) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of DCA; (b) DCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs